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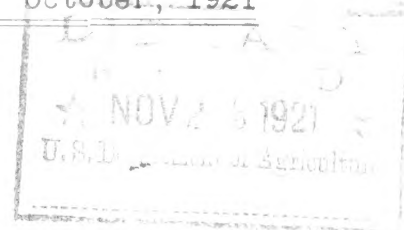
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TRUCK-CROP INSECT INVESTIGATIONS

F. H. Chittenden, Entomologist in Charge



Prof. H. F. Wickham, special field agent in Mexican bean beetle investigations, returned, September 21, from a preliminary survey of the Mexican bean beetle in its native home, southern Mexico. Professor Wickham entered Mexico August 6, and proceeded to Mexico City, which was made the headquarters for the investigations undertaken. Many observations were made on the growing of beans in the lowlands and in the mountains extending as far as an altitude of 10,000 feet. A number of varieties of beans were secured for experimental purposes, and observations, with special reference to securing natural enemies and parasites, were begun. In the vicinity of Cuernavaca the bean beetle occurred abundantly on wild legumes and was a most important bean pest. Near Orizaba the few beans found in cultivation were badly damaged. The beetle was not found in the vicinity of Guadalajara in Jalisco, although its nonoccurrence is not explained. A single specimen of a dipterous parasite of the larvae hitherto unknown was collected. Some promising information was obtained which completely justifies a more extensive investigation during the coming summer.

J. E. Graf, entomologist in charge of field control, Mexican bean beetle, recently visited Washington (October 6 to 16) for the purpose of conference with regard to the Mexican bean beetle.

L. W. Brannon, D. M. Dowdell, jr., H. B. Lancaster, and F. R. White, temporary field assistants in Mexican bean beetle control, have accepted probationary appointments as plant quarantine inspectors with this office.

M. H. Atwood, F. I. Jeffrey, and E. G. Small, formerly temporary field assistants in Mexican bean beetle control, have accepted appointment as plant quarantine inspectors with the Federal Horticultural Board.

R. H. Turner and W. P. Whitlock, field assistants in Mexican bean beetle control, have resigned to return to college.

F. P. Bickley, engaged in Mexican bean beetle control, has been appointed scientific assistant pending certification.

STORED-PRODUCT INSECT INVESTIGATIONS

E. A. Back, Entomologist in Charge

S. E. McClendon of Thomasville, Ga., recently spent several days in Washington, D. C.

Bernard Smit, who has had a temporary appointment as assistant in the bean weevil investigations at Alhambra, Calif., has returned to Cornell University.

to resume graduate study.

J. C. Bridwell when in New York recently made a study of the bruchid types of Schaeffer. He was fortunate in securing for study in Washington the entire collection of Bruchidae belonging to Mr. Schaeffer.

At the request of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Dr. E. A. Back has made several trips to Baltimore to cooperate with the company's chemist and elevator superintendent. Grain arriving at Baltimore this year is more heavily infested with insects than usual. Formerly the railroads at Baltimore have been paying private concerns $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents a bushel for fumigating grain in cars and vessels. The railroads have determined to do this work for themselves at a charge to the grain owners of from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent per bushel. With cars holding on an average about 1,500 bushels of wheat one can readily estimate the saving to shippers effected by this change of policy. At a charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per bushel the saving to grain shippers is the difference between \$7.50 and \$52.50.

FRUIT INSECT INVESTIGATIONS

A. L. Quaintance, Entomologist in Charge.

E. R. Van Leeuwen, who has been in charge of the bureau's life-history studies of the codling moth at Cornelia, Ga., has been transferred to New Orleans, La., where he will assist in connection with control operations against the camphor scale. The bureau's laboratory at Cornelia has been closed.

The arsenical spray residue work on pears carried out the past season by A. J. Ackerman at Sacramento, Calif., has been completed, and Mr. Ackerman has been transferred to Bentonville, Ark., to take charge of the Bureau's laboratory at that place in connection with apple insect investigations.

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